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Weather



Today

High: 68, Low: 44
50% Chance of rain



Saturday

High: 50, Low: 30
30% Chance of rain



Sunday

High: 54, Low: 43
Partly cloudy



Monday

High: 60, Low: 47
30% Chance of rain

News Briefs

SUPT 09-04 Graduation

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training class 09-04 will graduate in a ceremony held at Kaye Auditorium today at 10 a.m. Brigadier Gen. Guy Walsh, Commander, 175th Wing, Maryland Air National Guard, Md., will be the guest speaker.

09-05 Assignment Night

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training class 09-05 will hold their assignment night Jan. 30 at 5 p.m. at the Columbus Club.

BCC Luncheon

The Base Community Council, an off base, non-profit organization which supports base activities, will hold a luncheon at the Columbus Club Jan. 30 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please reserve your seat no later than 5 p.m. Monday to ensure access to the base. The buffet lunch is \$13 per person. Please e-mail all RSVPs to silverwings@columbus.af.mil.

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Feature 8

SUPT class 09-04 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.



U.S. Air Force photo by Elizabeth Owens

105 BLAZE team members pause before boarding a Team Little Rock C-130J prior to their departure for the Air Education and Training Command Symposium Jan. 14. The AETC Symposium was a two-day conference in San Antonio hosted by AETC and the Air University.

BLAZE team members attend AETC Symposium

Maj. Tim Stevens

49th Fighter Training Squadron

105 top Airmen from Columbus AFB departed in a C-130J to participate in the 2009 Air Education and Training Command Symposium January 14.

The AETC Symposium is a two-day conference on the San Antonio Riverwalk, hosted by AETC and the Air

University. General officers, command chiefs, and other intellectual leaders spoke about the many aspects, opportunities and challenges the Air Force faces in the coming years.

Col. Jeff Dunn, 14th Flying Training Wing vice commander, who led the Columbus contingent, said, "This was
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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II				PHASE III				IFF				WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (09-14)	3.39 days	-0.45 days	Mar. 10	48th (09-04)	1.67 days	-0.93 days	Jan. 23	49th (09-DB)	-9.10 days	-5.38 days	Feb. 3	T-6	1,619	1,611	8,117
41st (09-13)	1.32 days	-7.61 days	Feb. 11	50th (09-04)	1.80 days	-1.27 days	Jan. 23					T-1	582	576	3,192
												T-38	487	459	2,876
												IFF	152	171	866

Graduation speaker: The graduation speaker is Brig. Gen. Guy Walsh, 175th Wing, Maryland Air National Guard, Md.

Track Select

Capt. David Gentile	T-1
2nd Lt. Michael Bargiel	T-1
2nd Lt. Michael Carter	Helo
2nd Lt. Brian Dendy	T-44
2nd Lt. Michael Gaskins	T-1
2nd Lt. Garrison Gipple	T-1
2nd Lt. William Gordon	T-1
2nd LT. Patrick Griffin	T-1
2nd Lt. Samuel Hummer	T-38
2nd Lt. Mark McNaughton	T-1
2nd Lt. Hansel Rabell	T-38
2nd Lt. Michael Ryan	T-1
2nd Lt. Jonathan Slottje	T-44
2nd Lt. John Sparks	T-38
2nd Lt. Leah Sullivan	T-1
2nd Lt. Lee Thompson	T-1
2nd Lt. John Vandervoort	T-1
2nd Lt. Mike Vilven	T-1
2nd Lt. Timothy Wilhelm	T-1



Leverette Award

2nd Lt. Hansel Rabell
(T-38)

Top Guns

Formation: 2nd Lt. Hansel Rabell (T-38)

Instrument: 2nd Lt. John Sparks (T-38)

Contact: 2nd Lt. John Vandervoort (T-1)

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Retired Gen. Moore speaks at Leadership Luncheon



U.S. Air Force Photo by Elizabeth Owens

Colonel Roger Watkins, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, presents retired Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Tom Moore a value coin following his presentation Wednesday at the Columbus AFB Club. More than 130 Columbus AFB Airman and civilians attended the Columbus AFB Company Grade Officer Council sponsor Leadership Luncheon.

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an excellent opportunity for BLAZE team members to see first-hand where AETC has been, where we are and where we are going."

Columbus AFB increased its participation by over 250 percent this year. The 14th FTW sent a broad cross-section of personnel which included individuals from every unit on base, including active-duty members, civilians and reservists. In fact, the entire symposium saw a huge increase in participants. Attendance topped 3,200 this year.

The symposium began with opening remarks from General Stephen Lorenz, AETC commander, and the presentation of AETC's annual award winners. General Lorenz spoke on the goal to "intellectually explore" many aspects of our Air Force and Air Force doctrine and exhorted each Airman to continue to provide new ideas for the future. The theme of this year's symposium was "developing America's Airmen today, for tomorrow."

The Air University provided more than 90 seminars to choose from, with topics ranging from "Dealing with a Nuclear Iran", "Developing cyber warriors", "The Future of Flight Training", to "Innovations in Enlisted Education".

Lieutenant Gen. Allen Peck, Air University Commander, wrote about the role of the AU in both the Air Force and at the symposium. He said, "As the Intellectual and Leadership Center of the Air Force, Air University produces the students, faculty and ideas which shape how America conducts warfare across the full spectrum of conflict. Our heritage is a tes-



Courtesy photo

Robert Gaylor, former Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force and Airman 1st Class Kaitlin Humphrey, 14th Force Support Squadron, pose together for a photo during the Air Education and Training Command Symposium. The retired chief Gaylor was part of a panel discussing the advances in technology from the time he was young Airman and the difference now with today's Airman.

tament to the innovative spirit of our Airmen. As such, we've assembled leading thinkers from AU, AETC, and the Air Force at large to provide you with a valuable mix of topics: leadership, operational skills, international understanding, and education/training innovations. We believe these topics will make a difference in how our Airmen fight and win our nation's wars."

The symposium also allowed a forum to question speakers on their topic and pro-

vided for much discussion.

Colonel Dunn commented, "Participants were exposed to some of the best minds in these areas in the Air Force, with the goal of encouraging every Airman in AETC to challenge old ways of doing business and developing new and creative ways of thinking and doing in the 21st Century."

During the two lunches, keynote speakers educated the crowd while 3,000 meals were served simultaneously. Major Gen.

William Lord, Commander, Air Force Cyberspace Command, and General Robert Kehler, Commander Air Force Space Command, spoke authoritatively of the challenges to the Air Force in each of their respective fields.

Throughout the two days, an exhibition hall was set up displaying booths from 100 of the leading aerospace-industry companies and Air Force groups. Attendees were able to operate an F-35 simulator, learn about satellite technology, see the AF custom-made motorcycle, and much more. The General Officer panel and closing remarks provided senior leader perspective on tough questions asked by personnel throughout AETC.

Finally, the symposium was capped off with a spectacular ball. An incredible meal was followed by the Texas A&M drill team, the Singing Sergeants, and dancing. General William Fraser III, Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, spoke to the eager crowd about Air Force-level challenges. General (retired) Lloyd "Fig" Newton, former AETC Commander, emceed the entire two day event.

"The main idea of this event was to learn something" said Technical Sgt. Martin Hardin, 14th FTW. "I learned that no matter what rank you are or position you hold, education is the 'change' which has driven us to learn more and do more with resources and personnel. I only hope we continue the AETC Symposium for future Air Force members to get an understanding of why the Air Force must be a constant and ever-changing military force."

It is important we continue to eagerly seek education and training and to put these skills to use in order to keep the Air Force strong and to keep America safe in this unpredictable world.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 54 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



AETC A1 announces awards

The 14th Flying Training Wing is pleased to announce the following organizations/individuals as the Air Education and Training Command winners for the 2008 A1 Awards Program from Columbus AFB.

Team/program awards:

Columbus AFB Resource

Management Program of the Year
Columbus AFB Library
Program of the Year

Individual award:

Personnel Technician of the Year (base-level): Staff Sgt. Mackenzie Lombardo, 14th FSS

The 2008 A1 Awards

Program incorporates the Services functional awards, along with the traditional annual Mission Support Awards (MSS, EEO and Manpower, etc.) into a single A1 Awards Program. These awards recognize the outstanding performance of the entire A1 community.

National Prayer Breakfast 2009

This event will be held Feb. 5 at 7:30 a.m. at the Columbus Club. The interfaith program will consist of representatives from major religious traditions. The guest speaker will be the U.S. Air Force Deputy Chief of Chaplains, Brig. Gen. David Cyr. Ticket distribution will be accomplished through First Sergeants and the Base Chapel staff. For more information, contact the Base Chapel at 434-2500.

2008 AETC Acquisition Awards

The 14th Flying Training Wing is pleased to announce that one of its squadrons has been recognized in the 2008 Air Education and Training Command Acquisition Awards.

Special Recognition Award (Team): 14th Comptroller-Contracting Squadron (Provisional) merger

Tax Center to open Feb. 2

Airman Elena Stofle

14th Flying Training Wing Judge Advocate

It's tax time again! Fortunately, military personnel and their families can receive free help from the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Center on Columbus AFB starting February 2. Active duty military members, dependents, and retirees are eligible for free tax preparation and electronic filing. Additionally, civilian employees are eligible to receive services on a space-available basis.

Each year, Internal Revenue Service-certified volunteers help hundreds of beneficiaries prepare their state and federal income tax returns with free electronic filing. In addition, clients of the Tax Center usually receive their tax refund in as little as 10 days. Last year, the Tax Center saved clients at total of almost \$118,000 in tax preparation fees.

"It's great that our military members don't have to spend a lot of money to get their taxes done," said Tech. Sgt. Jamon Eleby, 14 FTW Judge Advocate. "They can spend that money on the needs of their families."

VITA is a widely known organization in which the Air Force is a strong partner. VITA sites provide free tax advice, preparation, and other assistance, and they are well-equipped to address military-specific tax issues.

"I was very impressed with the whole setup last year. The volunteers were professional and fast, and the convenient location helped a lot," said Michael Fischer, 14th FTW Safety Office. "I could not have been happier."

Taxpayers must bring these verification items to the Tax Center to file their returns:

- **Proof of identification.**
- **Social Security Cards for you, your spouse and dependents, and/or a Social Security Number verification letter issued by the Social Security Administration.**
- **Birth Dates for you, your spouse, and dependents on the tax return**
- **Current year's tax package if you received one.**
- **Wage and earning statement(s) Form W-2, W-2G, 1099-R, from all employers.**
- **Interest and dividend statements from banks (Forms 1099).**



- **A copy of last year's Federal and State returns if available.**
- **Bank Routing Numbers and Account Numbers for Direct Deposit (blank checks will have this information also).**
- **Total paid for day care provider and the day care provider's tax identifying number (the provider's Social Security Number and address or the provider's business Employer Identification Number).**
- **To file taxes electronically on a married filing joint tax return, both spouses must sign the required forms.**

For further information about how you can take advantage of this opportunity, please call 434-7613. Tax Center office hours will be 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and is located in Bldg 530 with the Postal Service Center. Appointments are strongly recommended!

Columbus AFB to host spring commander's conference

Maj. Leo Lawson

Commander, 14th Communications Squadron

Columbus AFB has been chosen to host the Air Education and Training Command's spring 2009 Commander and Command Chief Conference March 2 through March 6. More than 105 Commanders, Command Chiefs, and staff leaders from AETC are expected to participate.

Commander's conferences occur semi-annually and provide an opportunity for the AETC commander, Gen. Stephen Lorenz, to discuss leadership strategy in the command and address gaps which may exist between the current mission and overall end goals. The spring conference theme is "leadership" and will include three days of presentations and a staff tour of the Shiloh Battlefield.

In addition to the AETC wing commanders and their command chiefs, commanders of Air University, 2nd Air Force, 19th Air Force and Air Force Recruiting Service and their Command Chief Master Sergeants will also be attending.

Many BLAZE team members will be called upon to help host this event with the help of more than 40 members of the AETC staff, some whom will arrive a week before the conference. The several members of the AETC planning staff will be conducting another base visit Feb. 2 through Feb. 5 to work out many of the logistical and communication details for the conference.

"This is a huge undertaking and will take the entire BLAZE team, Airmen and civilians alike to execute in true BLAZE fashion," noted Col. Roger Watkins, 14th Flying Training Wing commander. "This is also a great opportunity to show the rest of the command how special Columbus AFB is!"

Preventing illness this winter

Dr. Misty Looney

14th Medical Operations Squadron

Winter is cold and flu season but did you know you can be affected by the "stomach-flu"?

Noroviruses are a group of viruses that cause an intestinal flu-like illness. They're a major cause of outbreaks in closed and crowded environments. Winter time keeps us indoors in closer proximity to crowds making us more susceptible to circulating viruses.

What are the symptoms of illness caused by noroviruses?

Norovirus illness usually begins 24 to 48 hours after exposure, but can appear as early as 10 hours after exposure. Symptoms usually include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and stomach cramping. Sometimes people have a low-grade fever, chills, headache, muscle aches, and a general sense of tiredness. The illness is usually brief, with symptoms lasting only one or two days.

How is norovirus spread?

Noroviruses are very contagious and spread easily from person to person. The virus is found



in the stool and vomit of infected people. People can become infected in several ways, including eating food or drinking liquids that are contaminated by infected food handlers, touching surfaces or objects contaminated with norovirus and then touching their mouth before handwashing, or having direct contact with another person who is infected and then touching their mouth before handwashing.

How long are people contagious?

People are contagious from the moment they begin feeling ill to at least three days after recovery. Some may be conta-

gious for as long as two weeks after recovery. Therefore, good handwashing is important.

What treatment is available for people with norovirus infection?

Currently, there is no specific medication or vaccine for norovirus. Norovirus infection cannot be treated with antibiotics. By drinking fluids, such as juice or water, people can reduce their chance of becoming dehydrated.

If you have questions about this or any other infectious disease, feel free to contact your Public Health Office at 434-2143 or 434-2140.-

National Guard members support inaugural mission

Army Staff Sgt. Jim Greenhill

National Guard Bureau Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — About 9,300 National Guard Soldiers and Airmen joined thousands of active-duty and Reserve military members from all services to support President Barack Obama's inauguration Jan. 20 here.

"We've always depended on the National Guard," Al Roker, the weather anchor for NBC's "Today Show" said from the parade staging area outside the Pentagon.

After the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, "Suddenly, the National Guard took on a whole new meaning," Mr. Roker said. "So, it's only fitting that at one of the most secure inaugurations, the National Guard would be involved. When it comes down to our security, both domestically and internationally, the National Guard is obviously an integral part of that."

The inauguration marked the Guard's largest contribution to a presidential inauguration since Minutemen gathered for the first muster in Massachusetts more than 372 years ago.

"This is a historic first," said Gen. Craig R. McKinley, the chief of the National Guard Bureau. "The National Guard is contributing not only to the federal response overseas, but we're also working very closely with our states and our governors. The inauguration is another example of how all our states, territories and the District of Columbia are performing their jobs."

While National Guard members from a dozen different states and the District of Columbia provided communication, transport, traffic control and medical and logistical support to civilian authorities staging the inauguration, others marched in the inaugural parade.

"This is a historic moment, and I wanted to be a part of history," said Army Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Gardner, of the District of Columbia National Guard's recruiting and retention command who was a parade participant. "The National Guard is the oldest military organization in the country. It's fitting that the National Guard is represented."

The day began as early as 2 a.m. for participating military members, and their duties were scheduled to run into the evening. But troops said they would not trade the opportunity, and many said they were proud to be a part of the inauguration on both a personal and professional level.

Senior Airman Jodi Leininger traveled here at the start of the year for a two-month mission to document the military's contribution to the inauguration for historical purposes.

As a result, this self-proclaimed "small-town girl," who serves with the 180th Fighter Wing from the Ohio Air National Guard was able to photograph the president-elect during the run-up to the inauguration.

"That was, to me ... the biggest opportunity of my life," Airman Leininger said. "Having the opportunity to take a picture of our first African-American president — my new commander in chief — was exciting."

It was 20 degrees and windy outside the Pentagon when parade participants gathered before dawn Jan. 20. Army Spc. Angela Harper, of the District of Columbia National Guard's 276th Military Police Company, called it "bone chilling."

Despite the cold, "This is a wonderful moment in time, and I'm privileged to have this opportunity," Specialist Harper said. "I would do it again, and again, and again."

Airman Leininger said the National Guard made a huge contribution before and during the inauguration, but what struck her most was how military members from the active and Reserve components pulled together as a team.

It was just one big group," she said.

Airmen kick off inauguration day preparing for parade

Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. — Maj. Geraldine Holmes-Barnett said she remembers boarding a bus in Ohio when she was just 9 years old to hear Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream Speech" during the 1963 March on Washington.

That memory came full circle this morning as the 54-year-old African-American nurse with the 779th Medical Group waited at the Andrews Air Force Base club for another bus — this one transporting her and other active-duty Airmen to march in President-elect Barack Obama's inaugural parade.

"I knew that this would happen in my lifetime, but I thought it would be when I was 90 or 100 years old," she said of the inauguration of the nation's first African-American president. "And now that I have the privilege to be a part of it, I still don't believe it. I just want to be there in the moment."

Excitement and anticipation filled the Andrews AFB club as Major Holmes-Barnett and about 70 other Airmen gathered at 6 a.m. to prepare for the march. They'll travel to nearby Bolling Air Force Base, D.C., to pick up additional Air Force marchers, then head out to a staging area at the Pentagon.

Capt. Christopher Karins, officer in charge of the 316th Wing contingency, estimated that the Airmen will begin the 1.5-mile march from the Capitol to the White House at about 4 p.m.

"It's going to be a while because we're toward the back half of the parade," he said. "But that's OK. At least it's warmer today than it was for the rehearsal. And being a little cold is a small price to pay for the opportunity to be here to see history as it occurs."

Maj. Gen. Ralph J. Jodice II, commander of the Air Force District of Washington, reflected on the magnitude of the day as he circulated through the room, shaking hands and wishing the Airmen well.

"This is a great opportunity for everybody. It's a historical event; a monumental event," he said. "And it's happening at a crucial time in our nation, with a lot of problems to confront."

"We in the military are here to support the president," he continued. "We've been doing that since 1789."

General Jodice, who will lead the parade along with his counterparts from



Defense Department photo/Donna Miles

Airmen from Andrews Air Force Base, Md., board a bus en route to Washington, D.C., to march in the Jan. 20 inauguration day parade.

the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, called it an honor for him and his Airmen to participate.

"We're representing all the military, no matter what uniform," he said. "But we're also representing all those men and women who are deployed. Because without them and what they are doing, we wouldn't be here doing this today."

As General Jodice moved through the room, the Airmen readied their uniforms for their departure. Most wore long underwear under their service blue uniforms and had liners in their coats and all had gloves and scarves to shield them from the cold.

Master Sgt. Eric Mikkelsen from the 844th Communications Squadron showed the Airmen a trick to keep their wool scarves in perfect form. He stretched strips of duct tape out on a counter, overlapping them slightly, then transferred the mass of tape to the back of a scarf.

"It's an honor guard thing," he said.

The Airmen followed Sergeant Mikkelsen's lead, and expressed excitement about the day ahead as they duct-taped their scarves.

"It's an awesome feeling, and a real privilege," said Airman 1st Class Alyssa Super, a medical lab technician with the 779th Medical Squadron. "It's one of those things you never thought you'd be able to do; a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for sure."

Airman 1st Class Kai Hall, a weather maintenance apprentice with the 744th Communications Squadron, said he's thrilled about the opportunity to

march.

"But I'm really here marching for my grandmother," he said. "Yesterday was her birthday. She's been though it all — the civil rights movement, Martin Luther King. So this means a whole lot to her. And I'm just grateful to be a part of it. It's something not that many people ever get a chance to do."

For Tech. Sgt. Jason Williams, marching in the inaugural parade is the perfect conclusion to a tour of duty in Washington that ends Jan. 21 with a move to Robins AFB, Ga.

"I've been here for 2.5 years, and I've gotten to do the (President Gerald) Ford funeral and this," said Sergeant Williams, a vehicle maintainer with the 316th Logistics Readiness Squadron. "It's one of those unique things you get to do when you're stationed in Washington. And everybody is pretty excited about it."

The 316th Wing staff, under the Air Force District of Washington, has provided a myriad of support to the inauguration.

It provided lodging for hundreds of Air National Guard members assigned to Federal Emergency Management Agency District 3, provided hot meals to 1,500 military members to make up the honor cordon during the parade route, and stocked each bus headed to the inauguration with water, coffee, cocoa, hot broth and box lunches.

Later Jan. 20, Andrews AFB officials will host the departure ceremony for President George W. Bush.

Lorenz on leadership: doing the right thing

Commentary by Gen. Stephen R. Lorenz
Commander, Air Education and
Training Command

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Last week, our nation was inspired by the actions of a brave pilot — an everyday American who reminded us of who we are and who we can be.

It just so happens that the pilot of US Airways Flight 1549, Chelsey B. “Sully” Sullenberger, is a classmate of mine. We both graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1973. When I saw his picture on the news, I immediately looked him up in our 1973 yearbook, and there he was, looking sharp in his cadet uniform.

Sullenberger learned how to fly in our Air Force, and he served out his seven-year commitment as an officer and pilot. He then began a 29-year career as an airline pilot and safety expert. When you throw in his time as a cadet, he had more than 40 years of training, education and experience to prepare him for the challenge he would face last week.

He prepared himself well. Like all Air Force pilots, Sullenberger spent hundreds of hours studying emergency procedures and practicing them in simulators. He obviously continued this practice as he transitioned to the airlines. One definition of integrity is doing the right thing when no

one else is looking, and Sullenberger made himself a better pilot by studying and practicing when no one else was paying a lot of attention. His foundation of knowledge and skill was strong because he put in the time and effort required to build it.

But preparation wasn't enough. When faced with a crisis, Sullenberger had to execute. He didn't panic. Instead he focused on what he had to do to save his plane and his passengers. Ditching a large aircraft is an incredibly difficult thing to do, and Sullenberger was able to do it safely. He executed his responsibilities with excellence.



Once the aircraft stopped in the cold waters of the Hudson, Sullenberger continued to care for his passengers and crew. New York Mayor Bloomberg described how Sullenberger walked the aisle of the airplane twice to make sure everyone was out. In doing so, he put service to others before his own personal safety. In the middle of incredible stress and strain, Sully chose to do the right thing.

In media parlance, the story of Flight 1549 had “legs.” Even as the historic inauguration approached, people remained fascinated with the incident, hanging on every detail as recounted by the passengers, ferryman and rescue specialists. Perhaps this can be explained by the sheer drama of the crash and the fact that it happened in our largest city.

I think there is something deeper here, however. I believe that, in the face of all the negative news we have endured in recent months, we are looking for a hero — or in this case, a “Sully” — who will do the right thing in the face of adversity. Americans love heroes, especially “ordinary” people who do extraordinary things, because one of our core ideals is that everyday people can make a difference.

On a very cold day in New York, Sully made a difference. He did it by living according to our core values of integrity, service and excellence.

We didn't invent the core values in the Air Force. They came from the American people that we serve. Although the headlines may be filled with stories of fraud, greed and waste, it is important to remember that there are millions of Americans who choose to live by these values. Whether it is the teacher who chooses to stay after class to help a troubled student or the policeman who chases the thief into the dark alley, many Americans choose to live according to integrity, service and excellence.

The story of “Sully” Sullenberger reminds us of this. In these challenging times, it's good to remember what makes our country great.

To Sully, my old classmate: Thanks for landing Flight 1549, walking down the aisle twice and setting an example for us all.

Following the dream ... today and the day after

Chief Master Sgt. Brye McMillon
Air University command chief

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. — The time has come once again to celebrate the vision and dream of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. During the month of January, we remember what then seemed “a voice crying in the wilderness.”

How could America of that time transition to the America of the dream? Was Dr. King a man born before his time? Was the dream really possible, or was it simply a nightmare?

The answer to these questions lie in each person's connection to the dream. The dream was one man's vision and vocalization of what America could be. This idea of potential challenged the thoughts and philosophies of influential members throughout the world. To some it was a challenge to their power base; eroding their status and reducing their wealth. The dream to others was an answer to prayer; lifting up the heads of the depressed and raising the

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the Dream*

spirits of the destitute. Yet to others, it was simply a dream that provided neither hope nor threat. It was only a dream.

Dr. King was born in a time where America needed a leader who could raise the mirror of its culture to illuminate its social ills. His message was not a new one, but was grounded in the beliefs of the founding fathers. The aspects of his dream point to an idea resident in the Declaration of Independence. “We hold these truths to be self evident: that all men are created equal.”

The dream points to the idea that humanity would embrace and celebrate their differences. The idea that freedom and

justice would have the same meaning for all and the idea that stereotypes based on color would be replaced by judgment based on character. He was not looking for an advantage; he was seeking equality.

The capstone of his dream was rooted in one section of this great speech. “I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.”

Dr. King, a man of great faith and intelligence, believed that for equality to be achieved and maintained, barriers must be

removed allowing unhindered access to all who seek its presence. In his own words “injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” The dream was rooted in the idea that equality was not just for the here and now, but for eternity.

By the time Dr. King gave the now legendary “I Have a Dream” speech in 1963, the tides of change were already upon us. But his speech galvanized the efforts of a nation by allowing it to visualize the benefits of a promising future. Because of this dream, for the first time true opportunity was poised to knock at the door of all who would answer.

Although the speech is seen as one of the greatest moments in Dr. King's life, the trials and tribulations he encountered leading up to that day are the real gems. The nonviolent movement, the willingness to sacrifice for the benefit of others, dog attacks, fire hoses and defamation of character built the platform from which this speech was given.

Long before a word was uttered, the truth was seen. Then the dreamer awakened.

Visit www.columbus.af.mil to learn about Columbus AFB agencies and other important information.



T-1A Jayhawk



1st Lt. Sarah Clapp
Blue Hill, Maine
KC-135, McConnell AFB, Kan.



1st Lt. Dimitar Metaksov
Smolyan, Bulgaria
TBD, Graf Ignatievo AFB, Bulgaria



1st Lt. Albert Obi
Cross River, Nigeria
Alpha Jet, Tactical Air Base, Nigeria



2nd Lt. Jenny Caden
Dayton, Ohio (ANG)
C-130J, Quonset ANGB, R.I.



2nd Lt. J. Travis Doyle
Chicago, Ill.
C-21, Ramstein AB, Germany



2nd Lt. Kevin Gadd
Orem, Utah
B-2, Whiteman AFB, Mo.



2nd Lt. Robert Howell
Orem, Utah
E-8, Robbins AFB, Ga.



2nd Lt. Matt Jasinski
Baton Rouge, La.
T-1, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. James Kellenbence
Colorado Springs, Colo.
U-28, Hurlburt Field, Fla.



2nd Lt. Bennet Krawchuk
Cleveland, Ohio
UAS, Creech AFB, Nev.



2nd Lt. Shea Mumma
Glenville, Penn.
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Jefferson Page
Spring, Texas
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



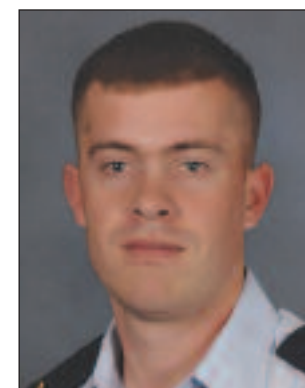
2nd Lt. Edward Spooner
West Des Moines, Iowa (ANG)
F-16, Des Moines ANGB, Iowa



2nd Lt. Christopher Sutton
Longview, Texas
NSA, Cannon AFB, N.M.



2nd Lt. James Taylor
Brandon, Miss. (ANG)
C-17, Jackson ANGB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Graydon Vandament
Dallas, Texas
KC-135, March ARB, Calif.



2nd Lt. Katherine Weeks
Napa, Calif.
KC-10, Travis AFB, Calif.

SUPT Class 09-04 earns silver wings

Twenty-three officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to be an Air Force pilot.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 09-04 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium.

The graduation speaker is Brig. Gen. Guy Walsh, Commander, 175th Wing, Maryland Air National Guard, Baltimore, Md. He is responsible for two distinct flying units, USAF's first A-10C Precision Engagement fighter squadron and the Air Force's first operational C-130J airlift squadron with personnel totaling approximately 1,600.

Students receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

Second Lt. Jefferson Page, T-38, and 2nd Lt. James Kellenbence, T-1, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 2nd Lt. Christopher Sutton, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Eric Galliher, T-1. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Second Lt. Page and 2nd Lt. Kellenbence were named distinguished graduates.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine, subson-

ic T-37 Tweet. Some complete this phase in the single-engine, turboprop T-6A Texan 2 at Moody AFB, Ga. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes about 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38 Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours.

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place business jet.

Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions.

Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 flying hours.

The class reunites on graduation day, when students receive the aeronautical rating of pilot and begin their careers as U.S. Air Force pilots. *(Editor's note: The class's pilot partners are Jeff Farham, JTS and Company, and Richard Dobbins, Back Yard Burgers.)*



T-38C Talon



1st Lt. Francisco Ramoa Chavez
Capiata, Paraguay
T-27, Tactical Air Group, Paraguay



2nd Lt. Jonathon Alberts
Wheeling, W. Va. (ANG)
A-10, Martin State Airport, Md.



2nd Lt. Kenneth Brakora
Spring Lake, Mich.
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Eric Galliher
Portsmouth, N.H. (ANG)
KC-135, Pease ANGB, N.H.



2nd Lt. Frank Gilliard
Waldorf, Md. (AFRC)
KC-135, Andrews AFB, Md.



2nd Lt. William Gleckler
Grove, Okla.
C-5, Dover AFB, Del.

Fit Factor opens program for entire family participation

Jana Hall

14th Force Support Squadron

Fit Factor, an Air Force-wide program originally designed to encourage youth and teens to get active, has broadened its scope to include the entire family and youth programs staff members, according to Columbus AFB Youth Sports Director Brittany Rogers.

This time every year, folks are trying to live up to their New Years' resolutions to eat better, lose weight, get healthier and set good examples for their children, Rogers said. "This revamped Fit Factor program is the perfect way to get started on all of these and stick with it throughout the entire year."

Fit Factor, required in all Air Force Youth Centers since 2005, is an incentive-based program to encourage youth, and now adults as well, to make healthy lifestyle choices.

"Our entire staff at the Youth Center has enrolled and some of them don't even have children," Rogers said. "I have seen an increase in kids' participation due to the staff's involvement. I can only imagine



Courtesy photo

Active Fit Factor members pose for a photo during the kick off of the Fit Factor program. This Air Force-wide program is meant to encourage healthy lifestyles in children at a young age to prevent health problems in the future.

what would happen to our participation numbers if the parents all get involved, too."

Youth participants earn points which can be cashed-in for prizes ranging from ball

caps to sports equipment to high-dollar electronics for simply doing their homework, helping cook dinner and setting the table, playing outside for an hour, making healthy food and beverage choices and the

like, Rogers said. Their adult counterparts earn points by participating in the same healthy kinds of lifestyle choices such as eating right and exercising.

"All participants have their own log in and point tracker on the Fit Factor website," Rogers said. "My hope is that full families will sign up and develop an at-home incentive program or reward system on top of receiving the official prizes the Air Force provides."

"Rather than sitting around watching a movie and eating buttered popcorn, get the family out of the house and go bowling or go to the park to toss around a Frisbee," Rogers said. "Our hope is these kinds of choices will teach our youth to get fit and active and set in motion lifestyle habits which will carry them into more healthy adult years."

This program is free and it is easy to get started, Rogers said. Anyone interested in participating should contact Brittany Rogers at 434-2504 or by email at brittany.rogers@columbus.af.mil. Once registered, all a participant needs to do is visit the website daily, or at least weekly, at www.afgetfit.com and log the accomplished activities.

Base families offered variety of recreation choices

Parents Time Out

The Child Development Center is offering this new program from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays starting Jan. 8. The program is open to ages 1 to 3 and fees are based on total family income. For more information, call 434-2479.

Spirit Night

The Columbus Club's spirit night is scheduled for 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 29. Wear your favorite pro team jersey. Folks wearing the most popular jerseys win door prizes. The top three commanders with the most attendees will compete to see which one can throw a football the farthest to win five large pizzas for their next squadron outing. For more information, call 434-2490.

Parents' Night Out

The Child Development Center and Youth Center offer this program from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Jan. 31. A \$5 deposit is required when registering. For more information, call 434-2479 or 434-2504.

Crafts Classes

The Arts and Crafts Center offers classes for youth and adults every Thursday at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. A display of class projects is available in the Arts and Crafts

Center lobby. For more information, call 434-7836.

Monte Carlo Night

The Columbus Club is offering a Monte Carlo night Feb. 20. Reservations required by Feb. 17 at the Columbus Club. The Landings at Columbus is providing free hors d'oeuvres from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and will provide a gift certificate for free admission to all base housing residents. Over \$1,000 in prizes will be auctioned in the blind auction at the end of the night. For more information, call 434-2490.

New Outdoor Recreation Hours of Operation

Effective immediately, Outdoor Recreation's new hours of operation are: Monday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. They are closed Tuesday and Wednesday. Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 434-2507.

Club Membership Recruitment

Join the club and you will be entered into a drawing for a \$300, \$200 and \$100 Visa gift card. Current club members will automatical-

ly be entered. Additional entries can be obtained by recruiting new members. Extra entries can be earned by current and new members. Just have the newest member put at the top of their application: "Recruited by (your name)". The drawing will be held at the Spirit Night in April (date to be announced). You do not have to be present to win; however, you receive a "last minute" entry into the drawing if you do attend. For more information, call 434-2490.

Sweetheart No Tap Bowling Tournament, Steak Dinner

The Strike Zone Bowling Center is offering a tournament starting at 7 p.m. Feb. 14. You must register by Feb. 12 at the Bowling Center. Cost is \$30 per couple and includes rib eye steak dinner with fries, salad and a drink, bowling, free shoe rental and door prizes. For more information, call 434-3426.

Sweetheart Dinner, Dance

The Columbus Club is offering this special night for couples Feb. 6 with dinner served at 6 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person. The menu for the evening is London broil served with roasted new potatoes, veggies, salad, rolls and red velvet cake for dessert. Dancing will follow the dinner. Reservations required by Feb. 2. For more information, call 434-2490.

Blaze Lunch Bunch at the Columbus Club Every Wednesday During Lunch

All plates come with one meat, two sides, roll or hushpuppies, tea or water

\$6.25 for club members

\$7.25 for nonmembers

This week's menu: **Meat choices:**

Fried Chicken, Shepherd's Pie & Fried Catfish Strips

Sides:

Macaroni & Cheese, Cole Slaw, Turnip Greens, Sautéed Cabbage or Side Salad with Ranch Dressing

Lunch Bunch Special - \$6.95

Taco Soup topped with tortilla chips and sour cream, served with a toasted cheese sandwich

Desserts:

\$2.95 each

Red Velvet Cake

Key Lime Pie

Chocolate Chip Cookies ala Mode

Base News

New vMPF Capability

Effective Dec. 18, the vMPF will become the primary system to complete the Withdraw/ Cancellation of Voluntary Assignment self-service application. This application will have processing procedures similar to those outlined in AFI 36-2110, Assignments. All enlisted and officers in the grades of Colonel and below will utilize the application to withdraw a pending voluntary assignment application or request cancellation of an approved voluntary assignment. Member will access vMPF on the AFPC secure website and initiate the request for withdrawal of a pending voluntary assignment application or cancellation of an approved voluntary assignment. If applicable, member will receive an on-screen approval notification to withdraw an application in pending status. Military Personnel Section at x2691 can assist members with accessing vMPF and answering general questions. Member's commander will provide recommendation in Case Management System (CMS) and forward to AFPC. For complete detailed instructions, review the Personnel Systems Delivery Handbook on the AFPC website.

AAFES Hours

The Columbus Base Exchange and the Shoppette will be conducting their annual inventory on Jan 24. The BX will be closing at 5 p.m. on Jan. 24. The Shoppette will be closing at 9 p.m. Jan. 24. AAFES Apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.

Education Counseling Hours

Education counseling (CCAF, Bachelor's/Master's programs, Tuition Assistance, etc.) is now available Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Please contact Edward Hodge at 434-2562 to schedule.

Tax Services

H&R Block will be providing tax preparation services January 2, 2009 through April 15, 2009. They will be located in the Columbus AFB Exchange Please call Tom Darnell at 434-0070 for more information or to set up an appointment as hours will vary.

DRMO

Authorized personnel may retrieve property that is marked for DRMO Facilities only if they are still physically located in Base Supply. For more information, call 434-7233 to review the property or call Stock Control Section at 434-7179 or 434-7198. To check for authorization and Demand Processing Section, call 434-7178 to order the property. All other DRMO processing is done via the Web at www.drms.dla.mil.

Zero Overpricing Program-Incentive Awards

Overpricing is an issue everyone should be working. All personnel are encouraged to participate, and will be rewarded for any tangible savings resulting from their price challenge. Monetary awards will be given in accordance with AFI 38-401, The Air Force Innovative Development Employee Awareness Program. Advice and guidance are available by calling the Customer Service element of Base Supply, located in Building 158, at 434-7178.

Weight Loss with Wisdom

It's time to make that New Year's resolution to get those unwanted pounds off for good, but who wants to do it alone? Please join us at the Chapel each Thursday 4:30 p.m. for advise, instruction and prayer for our goals. Lose a little weight with some friends. For more information, please call the Chapel office at 434-2500.

Supply Customer

If you are looking for that special piece of equipment or furniture for your office, your point of contact is the Inspection Section of Base Supply. Inspection maintains the Last Look Area, which has used equipment and furniture turned in from other organizations that no longer have a need for the items. All items in the Last Look Area are available without charge to your organization. For more information, you can contact the Inspection Section at 434-7233 or 434-7234.

Attention All Deployers

The 14th Communications Squadron has a new system which allows you to place "free" telephone calls back home from your deployed location via DSN. You can call every day or once a week; whichever you prefer (allotted time is 3.5 hours a week). Pin numbers are required and can be picked up along with instructions from the Telephone Systems office located in Building 900, Room 9. Please call 434-2020 for additional information.

Gas Mask Fit Test

Gas Mask Fit Testing will now be by appointment only. Appointments will be taken Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Exceptions to appointment times will be made for deployers only. For more information, call Bioenvironmental Engineering at 434-2286 or 434-2226.

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop is open for consignments of household goods, appliances that are in good working order, furniture and electronics. Please, no computer equipment. Clothing is accepted as donation items only.

The Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Consignments are taken up until noon.

School Liaison Officer

The Columbus Air Force Base School Liaison Officer works with local school districts, schools, parents and students on issues related to elementary and secondary education for the children of ALL personnel (civilian, military and contractor) assigned to the installation. As parents of school age children are aware, there are many unique issues our children face as they transition to new schools. The role of the School Liaison Officer is to assist families ensure their children receive the best possible education regardless of where they attend school. For assistance, please contact the School Liaison Officer at 434-2792 or via email at slo@columbus.af.mil.

Airman and Family Readiness Center

(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the Airman & Family Readiness Center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call 434-2790 or email afrc@columbus.af.mil.)

Pre-Deployment Brief

There is a mandatory briefing for active duty personnel who are deploying or going on a remote tour. The brief is held every work day at 9:30 a.m. Spouses are welcome to attend.

Post-Deployment Brief

This mandatory briefing is for active duty personnel who are returning from deployment or a remote tour are held daily at 1:30 p.m. at the A&FRC. For more information, call 434-2790.

Preseparation Counseling

This mandatory briefing for personnel separating or retiring to be completed at least 90 days prior to separation is held daily at 8:30 a.m. May complete up to 12 months prior to separation or retirement. This briefing takes approximately 30 minutes. For more information, call 434-2839 or 434-2790.

Microsoft Excel

Learn how to put Excel to work for you; create spreadsheets, organize and track data, the possibilities are endless in Excel. This course will be held Jan. 26 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. It is a 12-hour course meeting Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday for two weeks. For more information, call 434-2839 or 434-2790.

Microsoft Power Point

Learn how to effectively create customized slideshows and presentations, as well as handouts for presentations. Excel. This course will be held Jan. 26 from 4:15 p.m. t. 6:15 p.m. It is a 12-hour course

meeting Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday for two weeks. For more information, call 434-2839 or 434-2790.

Sponsorship Training

This training is for all Unit Introduction Monitors and sponsors. There will be information on the importance of a good, effective sponsorship program and resources available for both sponsor and newcomer. In addition, web-based training is offered thru the Columbus AFB Homepage and Public Folder. It will be held Jan. 27 at 9 a.m. To register call 434-2790.

Telephone Directories

Local AT&T "The Real Yellow Pages"® are available at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Stop by and pick up your free copy.

Budgeting Basics

This event is held every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon at Airman & Family Readiness Center. Learn practical ways to tell your money where to go rather than wonder where it went. For more information, call 434-2790.

AFAS...Air Force People Helping Each Other

Sudden emergency and no cash? It can happen to anyone. Your Air Force Aid Society has assisted Air Force people for 66 years and is there to help you. Call 434-2855 for more information.

Employment Workshop

There is an employment workshop every Wednesday at 1 p.m. Airman and Family Readiness Center. Participants will learn about local and base employment opportunities. For more information, call 434-2790.

Chapel Schedule

Protestant

Sunday: 9 a.m. — Adult Sunday School
10:45 a.m. — Traditional
Worship Service (Children's Church)

All are invited to a fellowship luncheon following the 10:45 a.m. service the fourth Sunday of each month

Catholic

Thursday
5 p.m. — Choir Practice

Sunday:
3:45 p.m. — Choir Practice
4:30 p.m. — Confession
5:00 p.m. — Mass

Nature Trail

Many people are unaware of the opportunity to walk, run, bike or horseback ride along Columbus AFB's Timberlane Nature Trail. Along the trail, various wetlands, trees and countless wildlife can be found. To reach the recreational area, follow Independence Ave. to the runway area. Signs found alongside the dirt road toward SAC Lake offer direction to the beginning of the trails. For more information, call 434-7958



Specpro, Inc. Environmental Services, LLC is seeking a diligent, reliable candidate for an Environmental Planner position on Columbus AFB. Interested candidates may contact Sharon Dees at (210) 494-4282. Resumes may also be sent to: Sharon.dees@brs-llc.com

Brief Qualifications:

- Bachelors degree, preferably in an Environmental, Biological, or Industrial hygiene related discipline.
- Experience working on computers, especially with Microsoft Word and Adobe Acrobat Professional.
- Experience with technical writing preferred.
- Ideal candidate would have National Environmental Policy Act experience as well as Department of Defense experience.

Public Administration at MUW: The

Mississippi University for Women's Certificate in Public Administration prepares students with the knowledge, skills, and ability necessary to succeed in government and non-profit organizations. This program is open to all majors and requires a minimum of 15 hours of coursework. The courses are scheduled to be available in the evening, but online courses are being developed as well. For more information or to sign up with the certificate program, to the MUW website homepage at www.muw.edu, click on the "Executive Certification" icon and choose the "Public Administration" icon.

For more information about local area events, e-mail AFRC@columbus.af.mil or call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2790.

Columbus Air Force Base

2009 Spring Into Perimeter Challenge



20 February 2009

10.3M Race

Start Time- 1600

Awards Ceremony -1900

No Entry Fee!

Categories:

- 3 Member Team combined timed relay (Men & Coed)
- 3 Member Team relay (Men & Coed)
- Individual 10.3 mile run
- Leadership Challenge (3 Member Team relay)

**Registration forms can be
picked up at the HAWC or
Fitness Center**

***This race is for CAFB community only.**



For more information call

Fitness Center: 662-434-2772

HAWC: 662-434-2477

Sponsored by
CAFB Health & Wellness Center and Fitness Center

Sports Shorts

Fitness Classes: The Fitness Center offers fitness classes. Spin classes are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays beginning at 7 a.m. Cardio kick boxing classes are Mondays and Wednesdays at 5 p.m. and aerobics is offered Saturdays at 9 a.m. For more information, call the Fitness Center at 434-2772.

Lunch, Bowl Special: Receive two free games of bowling from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the purchase of a combo meal during lunch.

Cosmic Bowling: Cosmic bowling is every Friday and Saturday from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Cost is \$2 per game. The night is complete with black lights, loud music, strobe lights and bowling!

Wednesday Intramural Basketball Scores

Game One:

DynCorp VS. 14th CES
DynCorp defeated the 14th CES with a score of 65-59

Game Two:

50th FTS VS. 48th FTS
The 48th FTS defeated the 48th FTS with a score of 36-32



For people ages 18 to 34 motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death.

Don't become a statistic.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
26 SUPT 10-04 Pilot Partner Welcome 6:00 p.m. @ Grill	27 Hearts Apart 4:30 p.m.	28 BLAZE Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. @ Club	29 Enlisted Promotions 3:30 p.m. @ Club Spirit Night @ Club	30 09-05 Assignment Night BCC Luncheon 11:30 a.m. @ Club	31/1
2 Night Flying Week	3 Night Flying Week 09-DB IFF Graduation	4 Night Flying Week BLAZE Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. @ Club	5 Night Flying Week Annual Prayer Breakfast 9:30 a.m.	6 Fun Run @ Fitness Center Sweetheart Dinner Dance 6 p.m.	7/8

Long Term Events

Feb. 10 - OSC Social
Feb. 11 - 09-13 Track Select
Feb. 13 - 09-05 Graduation

Feb. 16 - President's Day Holiday
Feb. 20 - Spring Into Perimeter Challenge Race
Feb. 23-27 - Night Flying Week
Feb. 26 - Annual Awards Banquet
Feb. 27 - 09-06 Assignment Night



U.S. Air Force photo/Mike Kaplan

Senior Brooke Cultra drives for a layup during the Falcons 55-50 loss to the Colorado State Rams Jan. 20 at Clune Arena at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo. Cultra led Air Force in scoring with 11 points and grabbing six rebounds. The Falcons dropped to 0-5 in Mountain West Conference action and 4-14 overall.

Basketball: Women Falcons lose 55-50 to Colorado State

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — U.S. Air Force Academy senior Brooke Cultra led the Falcons with 11 points to go with six rebounds but the women's basketball team dropped a 55-50 Mountain West Conference contest to Colorado State Jan. 20 at Clune Arena at the Academy.

Falcons Kim Kreke notched her sixth double-double of the season with 10 points and 14 rebounds, and Raimee Beck also scored 10 points and added two assists and four steals, as the Falcons dropped their record to 4-14.

In a close battle throughout, a late first-half surge by Colorado State put the Rams ahead 27-18 at the break. The Falcons led early, but

CSU overtook the lead 15 minutes in and never trailed the rest of the way. Air Force got to within one point midway through the second, but CSU was able to out-last the Falcons to the end.

Both teams made 20 shots apiece, but Colorado State won the three-point battle (five made to Air Force's three) and the free throw battle (10-of-12 for CSU, 7-of-13 for the Academy).

Anna Gault also played well for Air Force, with seven assists, three steals and four points. Liz Dunsworth added nine points and five rebounds.

The Air Force women's basketball team returns to action Jan. 28 hosting Wyoming.